

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 37, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-3726, IDAHO CODE, TO CREATE THE HIGHER EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND, TO CREATE THE STRATEGIC INTEREST ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE MONEYS FOR THE STRATEGIC INTEREST ACCOUNT, TO CREATE SURPLUS STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE MONEYS FOR THE SURPLUS STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXPENDITURES FROM SUCH ACCOUNTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 37, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 33-3726, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

33-3726. HIGHER EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND. There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as the higher education stabilization fund. The higher education stabilization fund shall consist of three (3) separate accounts as follows:

(1) An account designated the strategic interest account shall consist of interest earnings from the investment of moneys deposited with the state treasurer into unrestricted current fund 0650-00, as designated by the state controller in the statewide accounting and reporting system. Annually on July 1, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the state controller shall transfer such interest earnings to the strategic interest account. All moneys so transferred shall be expended for the maintenance, use and support of institutions that have deposited moneys into unrestricted current fund 0650-00. All such expenditures shall be subject to legislative appropriation. Institutions shall receive a pro rata share of a legislative appropriation based upon the amount of moneys any such institution has deposited into unrestricted current fund 0650-00 in the current fiscal year compared to the total amount deposited by all institutions in the current fiscal year. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in the strategic interest account shall be retained in the strategic interest account.

(2) An account designated the surplus stabilization account shall consist of any other moneys made available through legislative transfers, appropriations or otherwise provided by law, or from any other governmental source. All such moneys shall be expended for the maintenance, use and support of institutions named in section 33-3803, Idaho Code. Such expenditures shall be made subject to legislative appropriation to the state board of education for college and universities. Distribution of such moneys to institutions shall be based upon the state board of education's established practices for the allocation of moneys to such institutions.

1 Interest earned from the investment of moneys in this surplus stabilization
2 account shall be retained in this surplus stabilization account.

3 (3) An account designated the surplus stabilization account for
4 Eastern Idaho Technical College, North Idaho College, College of Southern
5 Idaho and College of Western Idaho shall consist of any other moneys made
6 available through legislative transfers, appropriations or otherwise
7 provided by law, or from any other governmental source. All such moneys
8 shall be expended for the maintenance, use and support of Eastern Idaho
9 Technical College, North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho and
10 College of Western Idaho. Such expenditures shall be made subject to
11 legislative appropriation to Eastern Idaho Technical College, through
12 the appropriation to the division of professional-technical education,
13 and to the community colleges. Distribution of such moneys shall be
14 based upon established practices for the allocation of moneys to Eastern
15 Idaho Technical College through the division of professional-technical
16 education, or the state board of education's established practices for the
17 allocation of moneys to the community colleges. Interest earned from the
18 investment of moneys in this surplus stabilization account shall be retained
19 in this surplus stabilization account.